

Ohio Valley Birding Festival at John James Audubon State Park
Saturday, April 26
Events

- **Birding the Audubon Wetlands** – 8-10 a.m. **Preregistration required.**
Registration: Julie McDonald at 270-826-2247 or juliea.mcdonald@ky.gov. Program departs from Audubon Museum. Participants should be experienced bird watchers. Walking component is weather-dependent. A new property purchase significantly increased the size of Audubon State Park. Help us identify this bottomland forest property's bird guests. This property has a heron rookery and an active bald eagle nest. Registration ends April 12
- **Audubon's Bird Migration Walk** – 8:30-10 a.m. Depart from Audubon Museum. Species spotted on these hikes include: eastern bluebird, yellow-throated warbler, Baltimore oriole, belted kingfisher, scarlet and summer tanagers, indigo bunting, prothonotary warbler, and white-eyed and red-eyed vireo.
- **Owl Pellets** – 10:30-11:30 a.m. Audubon Museum. Owls hunt for many different types of prey. Discover what critters these nocturnal hunters seek out by dissecting a sterilized owl pellet.
- **Hands-on Bird Banding Workshop** – 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Audubon Museum. Come and help us with an ongoing conservation project as we catch, identify, band and release birds. This is a great opportunity for spotting early migratory birds and connecting with nature, so bring a camera!
- **Explore Raptors** – 2-3 p.m., Audubon Museum. Using live birds, participants will learn the characteristics of birds of prey, their role in the ecosystem, and how interactions with humans have impacted these majestic creatures.